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Brakes go on golden mile's car cruising boy racers

By Suzi Muston

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BOY racers have been banned from cruising along Southend's famous sea front.

Thousands of people have enjoyed loudly popping exhausts from the colourful customised cars at the unauthorised events for decades.

Southend transport bosses have put their foot down and secured an injunction against the events that, they say, are putting lives at risk.

Hundreds of youngsters regularly cruise the Western Esplanade in the evenings at the weekend, proudly showing off their precious wheels.

The council said people get to know about the meetings from social media sites.

The lads say they are gutted the council has put the brakes on their fun.

They invest time and money into lovingly modifying their motors to show off to crowds who congregate along the golden mile eager to see the showy motors.

Car cruise fan, Matt, 22, from London said Southend was the best place for custom car meetings.

He said: "There's no way the council would ever give these events the green light."

Another 19-year-old cruiser from Basildon who did not wish to be named said: "I am absolutely gutted, we are not doing anyone any harm. Southend is famous for car cruising, it has been and always will be, the best spot for miles around."

The ban includes racing, riding in convoy, speeding, and drifting which is driving sideways

'I am absolutely gutted. Southend is famous for car cruising'
Anonymous racer

around traffic islands. Anyone caught filming or even watching the car cruising activity could face the long arm of the law.

The High Court injunction forbids any car-cruise events anywhere across the borough until September 2016.

The council said the meetings "bypass the establish procedures for holding public events".

Councillor Martin Terry, executive councillor for public protection, waste and transport, said the council is working with Essex Police to stop the events.

They have seen reckless driving along Western Esplanade as crowds line the pavements.

He said: "This type of activity involves plans being drawn up and reviewed by the local authority, emergency services and other partner agencies, so events are safely managed and appropriately resourced."

"Anyone who organises such an event now does so at their own peril and we will not be shy in bringing the full force of the law to bear."

Police say the gatherings are fuelled by Hollywood blockbuster movies.



Members of Southend swimming clubs at the re-opened Belfairs swimming pool

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Swimmers celebrating big cash splash for pool

LEIGH-On-Sea swimmers will be thrilled to hear Belfairs swimming pool has re-opened following a six month long refurbishment.

The £500,000 improvements have been made to the changing rooms thanks to a grant from Sport England, and the council has funded other works including changes to the reception area, new lighting and the replacement of pool plant equipment.

Belfairs is managed by leisure firm Fusion

for the council, offers public swimming, aqua fitness, pool parties and club swimming.

Executive councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Councillor Graham Longley, said: "We needed to carry out these extensive refurbishment works to make the centre as inviting as possible for residents and visitors."

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SOUTHEND'S Neighbourhood Watch organisation is issuing a rallying cry to attract more members and help police beat the criminals.

Members say the crime reduction organisation has moved with the times and meetings are no longer held in cold, dusty church halls.

They say most of the information is communicated just as effectively nowadays by email.

A hi-tech system introduced by Essex Police last year called Essex Communication Messaging (ECM) is proving to be an effective crime reduction tool.

Essex Police Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Southend, Kevin Blake, said it provides families with the latest news from police HQ in Chelmsford. He said anyone who signs up can

opt to be notified of issues they may find useful such as scams, internet crime or rural crime.

Lini Kilpatrick, Southend watch co-ordinator, said the group had a younger, fresher approach and added ECM allows people to select information they would like to receive based on where they live, work, go to school, or socialise.

"I pro-actively work hard to help raise awareness of crime prevention and reduce the fear of crime in my community and this goes a long way towards helping us," she said.

"I run my group via email, we have had a number of successes in deterring/solving crime in the area, and raising awareness of vulnerable people."

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College courses still available via clearing

IT'S not too late to enrol on a degree course, says South Essex College.

Education chiefs say there is time for students to sign up for a number of courses through the clearing system.

Wannabe students at Chelmsford's V Festival were given advice on courses while having a very quiet dance.

Thousands of revellers enjoyed the silent disco tent hosted by the college to promoting its courses.

In exchange for email addresses, festivalgoers were given free access to the silent disco with music sent through wireless headphones.

Youngsters were then given festival survival kits, including



ADVICE: Teenagers in the silent disco at V Festival staged by South Essex College

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Anchors aweigh in round



WAVES OF EXCITEMENT: The ships launch from Southend in the race set up by round the world sailor Sir Robin Knox Johnston to give amateurs the thrill and the challenge of the open seas

THOUSANDS of people packed out Southend pier and sea front despite the pouring rain, to watch the start of the world's biggest yacht race.

Waves of excitement were in the air for the start of the Clipper round-the-world fundraiser yacht race which saw 12 international amateur

teams start their 40,000 nautical mile circumnavigation of the globe at the pier.

Organisers said the thrilling Clipper Race was being held in aid of the children's charity, UNICEF.

Normally the domain of seasoned pros, the

supreme sailing challenge is being taken on by ordinary, everyday people.

They are all battling for success in 12 identical 70ft yachts.

Clipper bosses said all crew had taken part in rigorous training courses so that people from

different backgrounds were on a level playing field for the intensive race.

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Organisers warned the teams at the start of the

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world race

Housewives and vicars are among those taking part in the 3,000 mile, year-long Clipper challenge strictly for non-professional sailors launched from Southend. SUZI MUSTON reports



LANDLUBBERS: There were festivities at the start of the race which will end in Rio de Janeiro

race that the sea did not distinguish between Olympians or novices.

Sir Robin Knox Johnston, the first person to sail solo round the world in 1968, created the race. He said: "I wanted everyone to have the sheer exhilaration of ocean racing."

Southend executive councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley, said he was thrilled Southend was selected to be the start of the race.

He said: "It has put us even more firmly on the international map as the place which heralds the dawn of excitement, where big things start. It was an impressive sight, seeing the yachts ploughing through the waves."

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Ship ahoy! Fun down at park



MODEL EVENT: Everyone was invited to Southchurch Park for boat races and warships, below

CHILDREN and parents enjoyed a festival with a difference inside one of Southend's most picturesque parks.

Southend Model Boat Club held its annual festival over the August bank holiday weekend.

Visitors enjoyed a lively three days in Southchurch Park.

On Saturday there was a sailing regatta with various classes of boats being raced

throughout the day. On Sunday visitors enjoyed a display of tug boats, fishing boats, work boats and warships.

On Monday a speedboat racing and a beautiful display of model barges took spectators' breath away.

Club member Peter Bone said: "Everyone loves this weekend, we always welcome new members."

The club was first established in 1948.



WINNERS: Expressions Theatre Arts

Dancers set to delight Darcey at Albert Hall

A DANCE group from Southend have beaten hundreds other groups to win a coveted place performing at the Albert Hall.

Expressions Theatre Arts secured their place to perform a Motown-inspired routine at the dance proms in November.

The 24 students aged between 10-18 are just one of 22 groups selected from hundreds of entries across the world.

They will perform in front of talent spotters and celebrity patrons including Darcey Bussell, Matt Flint and Arlene Phillips.

Teachers Emma Felton and Rebecca Hood said they were thrilled their group had been chosen to appear.

Emma said: "The dance we have chosen is a fun-filled, high energy jazz dance celebrating the careers and music of some of

America's best known performers.

"The dancers will be joined by dancers from Norway and Italy and will also dance other genres such as tap, street dance and Latin American dance."

Darcey Bussell said: "Every year I attend the dance proms at the Royal Albert Hall, which never fails to impress me."

"The young dancing talent on display is of such high standard, and Expressions Theatre Arts will make a great addition to the line-up this year."

"To perform at a world famous venue requires hard work, dedication and being noticed by the right people at the right time. "In previous years, castings agents have scouted talent at Dance Proms, with one young boy going on to become Billy Elliott!"

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Pedal power

By Suzi Muston

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VOLUNTEERS who run cycle sessions for people with varying health issues said they were thrilled yet shocked that the group has grown so rapidly.

Just Ride was the brainchild of Southend man Brian Barker who was inspired to start the group after he saw noticed people out cycling with visual impairments.

He said: "I kept thinking about this and then did some internet research and discovered there was a group in Manchester running cycling sessions for people with all different health issues.

"I don't want to take the credit for the success of the group as I work with some amazing dedicated volunteers who all give their time freely and have made the group the huge success it is now."

Just Ride celebrated being one year old with an anniversary ride in Garon Park, Southend.

People who have had strokes, suffered injury, or may have a disability, enjoy a safe cycle session around the athletics track in Eastern Avenue.

Brian added: "These sessions have become so popular we now hold them three times a week. We have just been awarded £7,000 Lottery funding and have been able to buy



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more specially adapted bikes for people with all varying degrees of disabilities.

"We are expanding even further as we have been in touch with GP surgeries, physiotherapists and health centres and will shortly be getting people referred to us.

"Quite honestly, I am a bit nervous about it all, but very excited – there's nothing quite

like seeing people after they have had a bike ride, everyone is so happy and grinning ear to ear."

Volunteer Wendy Chant from Southend said the aim of the group was to provide a safe cycle experience for everyone.

Sessions take place at Garon Park: Tuesday 10am-1pm, Wednesday 10am to noon, and Saturday 10am to 1pm.

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UPSET: Margaret Sutherland, Vanessa Seymour and Sarah Tew with message for thieves

HEARTLESS thieves have stolen cash earmarked for sick adults and children following a break-in during the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Shaken staff at Havens Charity shop in West Street, said they were shocked thieves could take money meant to help vulnerable people.

Staff told the YA the back door was forced open and the safe broken into, cash taken and the rest of the contents scattered over the floor.

A collection tin was also taken, along with the till's float.

Staff said they were fed up with the number of break ins

the shop has suffered lately and have even put a sign up asking thieves to think about who they are stealing from.

The sign reads, "If you are reading this and have broken in to the shop, you are stealing from adults and children who are seriously ill. Every penny you take will be less that goes towards caring for these people and their families. Please think again about your actions. Thank you."

The sign was discarded on the floor by the thieves.

The shop closed while police inspected the scene. It's not yet known how much it will cost to

replace the safe and back door.

Assistant shop manager Vanessa Seymour said: "To cause all this damage for little over £50 is just senseless. It's upsetting to think the thieves saw our sign and completely disregarded it. By doing so, they have shown no compassion for the families we are caring for who rely on the care our charity provides."

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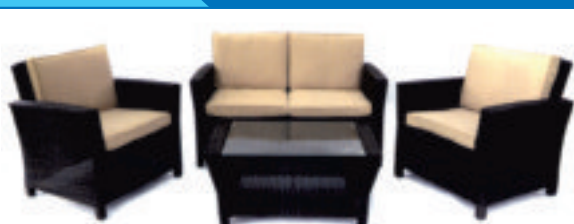
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Hadleigh art trail launches in town



COLOUR: Selected art work for Hadleigh art trail

TAKE the work of 30 artists, an archaeological dig, jazz, paintings on church railings, poetry readings and a pop up café and you have some of the ingredients for Hadleigh Art Trail.

The fifth annual event was due to start on Thursday, September 3 with a launch evening at Hadleigh Old Fire Station, which will be host an exhibition of all 30 artists' work, everyday until the trial ends on September 13.

Art will be on display in 30 venues across the town from the Art Ministry – which is showing offerings from students with mental health problems – to Morrisons, and the railing of St James the Less to the Salvation Army Hub cafe in the country park.

Visitors will be able to watch Hadleigh's very own 'time team' investigate the garden of the Crown pub, which it is hoped will yield pottery from Saxon and early Norman periods.

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Former MP Harvey Proctor denounces claims he was involved in alleged child murders to be 'so far-fetched as to be unbelievable'

'I am innocent'

By Charles Thomson

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A FORMER Basildon MP has denied murdering young boys as part of a "VIP paedophile gang".

Harvey Proctor, 68, is accused of abusing children with former Prime Minister Ted Heath and former Home Secretary Leon Brittan, at sex parties attended by Jimmy Savile.

He held a press conference in London on Tuesday to deny the "unbelievable" allegations.

Mr Proctor said police were investigating him in connection with the alleged murders of three young boys during the early 1980s, while he was Tory MP for Basildon and then Billericay.

But he claimed no murdered children had been identified and the "uncorroborated" allegations stemmed from a single accuser, named "Nick" by police.

Mr Proctor said "Nick" had accused him of stabbing a boy with a kitchen knife for 40 minutes before strangling him. He is also alleged to have helped beat another boy to death.

He said: "It is so far-fetched as to be unbelievable. It is unbelievable because it is not true."

Mr Proctor said he was accused of abusing children in the home of alleged accomplices, including some he had never even met.

He said: "I have not visited the homes of any of the 'gang'. The list included the names of the late Leon Brittan and the late Edward



Heath. If it was not so serious, it would be laughable."

He said he and Mr Heath despised each other. Mr Proctor's home was raided in March. He has never been arrested but has given two voluntary police interviews.

He criticised police for allowing him to be identified, while granting "Nick" anonymity and for publicly describing his claims as "credible and true".

Mr Proctor described the

allegations as "ludicrous" but said he believed "inept" police feared "cover-up" claims if the case was dropped.

He said: "I deny all and each of the allegations in turn and in detail. I am completely innocent."

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PC Luke Gamman was among several officers rewarded at a ceremony at Essex Police Headquarters in Chelmsford on Friday.

He received a commendation for reviving a woman who was found unconscious at Rochford train station, where it was thought without the officers' actions the woman would have died.

The incident happened while he was under the tutelage of PC John Skingsley, who also received a commendation for his part in saving the woman's life.

PC Gamman said: "I was pretty nervous anyway because it was my first day, but the training kicked in and we managed to help the lady regain consciousness. I'm just pleased that we were able to help".

Sgt Ben Woollard, who is stationed in Basildon, saved a man while he was off duty



playing in a football match in Rochford. One of the players collapsed with a suspected heart attack and Sgt Woollard performed CPR on him until paramedics arrived.

It was later established that the man was fortunate to have survived.

Four Shoeburyness officers, Sgt Tracey Butt and PCs David Gardiner, Tracey Cornish and Sharon

Blaxland were recognised for saving the life of a woman who had suffered a suspected heart attack in the back of a taxi. They got the woman out of the cab and gave her life-saving CPR until paramedics arrived. They remained with her family providing support, assistance and reassurance.

Four Southend officers, PCs Anthony Brackett,

Blake Sanders, Luke Williams and Lindsay Wigington attempted to save a Westcliff man who was trying to take his own life. They administered CPR to the man until paramedics arrived to take him to hospital. Sadly, he later died.

PCs Christopher Lodge, James Shelton and Edward Stretton, based in Grays, were commended for their

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Southend officer PC Shane Robinson was praised for his compassion in leading a distressed woman to safety from the roof of Southend hospital.

Grays Sgt Lee Stannard was notably commended for his bravery in dealing with a man who had a knife and was intent on causing harm to himself.

His intervention led to the man getting emergency surgery to treat his injuries.

Finally, Billericay Police Community Support Officers Christopher Higginson and Clare Boreham were commended for taking decisive action in intervening when a man tried to hang himself in woodland.

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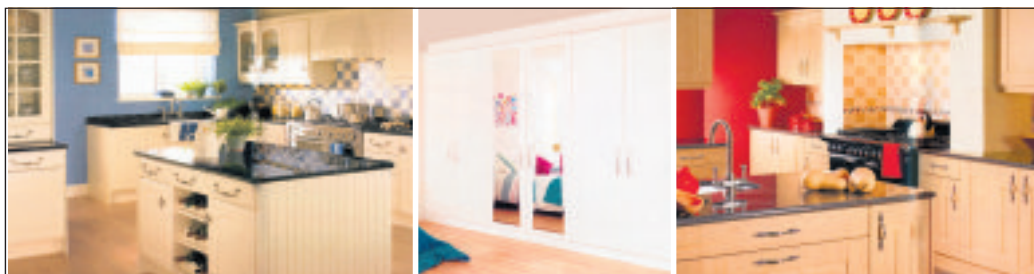
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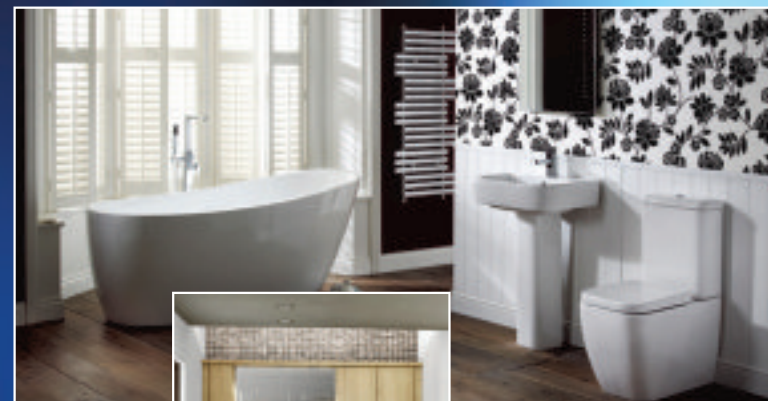
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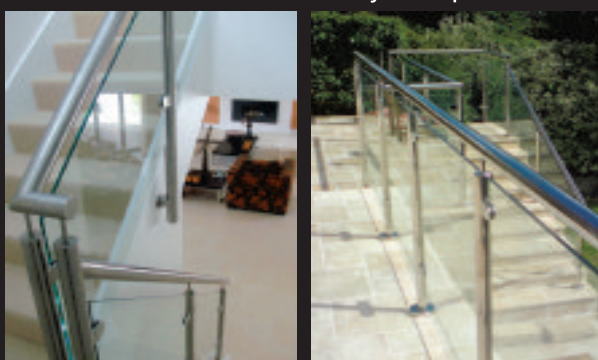
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**What's on and
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Former talent show sensation gets so emotional playing her idol in *The Bodyguard*

IT'S MY DREAM COME TRUE

By **LIZ WADE**

WEST End star and former Pop Idol contestant Zoe Birkett will be following in the footsteps of one of her idols by playing the role of Rachel Marron in *The Bodyguard*.

Birkett, who stars in the production at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, this month, said: "Playing Rachel Marron is a dream come true for me. Whitney Houston has always been an idol of mine, singing those legendary songs I will have to pinch myself. I can't wait to start the production and get on the road around the UK."

Thea Sharrock's hit musical *The Bodyguard*, runs from Tuesday to Saturday, September 15-26, and is based on Lawrence Kasdan's 1992 Oscar-nominated Warner Bros film, which starred Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner, was nominated

for four Laurence Olivier Awards including Best New Musical and Best Set Design and won Best New Musical at the Whatsonstage Awards.

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Marron from an unknown stalker.

Each expects to be in charge; what they don't expect is to fall in love.

This romantic thriller features a host of irresistible classics including Queen of the Night, So Emotional, One Moment in Time, Saving All My Love, I'm Your Baby Tonight, Run to You, I Have Nothing, I Wanna Dance with Somebody and one of the biggest selling songs of all time – I Will Always Love You.

Birkett is best known as the highest placed female contestant in ITV's Pop Idol 2002, at the age of just 16.



ROMANTIC THRILLER: Zoe Birkett is Rachel Marron in *The Bodyguard*

Her video Get Happy went straight to number one and she signed a management deal with Simon Fuller's 19 Management.

She went on to perform to more than 250,000 fans on two national arena tours and sang five hits on the Pop Idol Big Band album which reached number one in the album chart and went triple platinum all within a year.

Since then she has appeared in West End productions of Priscilla Queen of the Desert, originated the female lead in Thriller Live and was took a lead role in Respect La Diva. Her other theatre credits include the Acid Queen in Tommy, Maureen in Rent and Dion in Hair.

Also this month in Southend you can see talented stand-up Hal Cruttenden at the Palace Theatre.

He kicks off a new tour this autumn in Southend on Friday, September 11.

His Straight Outta Cruttenden tour follows a month-long run at the Pleasance Courtyard for the Edinburgh Festival, and culminates in Canterbury on December 5.

It is his first new show since the critically acclaimed Tough Luvvie that began in 2012 and finished in February this year. The tour, which included 170 dates, sold more than 40,000 tickets.

This tour sees Cruttenden ranting about the real evils of the modern world – over-sharing on social media and the 5:2 diet. The hungrier he gets the funnier he becomes. He gives his unique insights on being an orphan on Facebook, taking his wife to Saudi Arabia and how he knew George Osborne at school (or Gideon as he was then) and personally blames him every time he puts up the price of petrol.

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Dead cert

Thomas Mann as Greg and Olivia Cooke as Rachel
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ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL (12A, 105 mins)

THE good die young and that seems to be the inevitable outcome of Alfonso Gomez-Rejon's beguiling and intensely moving screen adaptation of Jesse Andrews' debut novel. A teenage girl is diagnosed with cancer, classmates offer their heartfelt sympathy and one childhood friend sacrifices his studies to support her through chemotherapy. There are obvious similarities to The Fault In Our Stars, but while that film had audiences sniffing from the opening frame, Me And Earl And The Dying Girl mines a rich vein of offbeat humour to stem the deluge of tears. "This isn't a touching romantic story," confides Greg Gaines (Thomas Mann), the socially awkward high school student and narrator of Gomez-Rejon's remarkable film. To some extent he's right: there's no boy meets girl cuteness here, no stolen kisses or wish fulfilment about the healing power of nascent love. But his story is deeply affecting, recounted as a scrapbook of bittersweet vignettes and stop-motion

animation, accompanied with self-explanatory onscreen captions like "Day 1 Of Doomed Friendship". At the behest of his parents (Connie Britton, Nick Offerman), Greg visits estranged childhood friend Rachel Kushner (Olivia Cooke), who has been diagnosed with leukaemia. "I don't need your stupid pity so please go," she tells him coldly, but Greg persists to placate his meddlesome folks. A faltering friendship takes root, to the delight of Rachel's boozy mother (Molly Shannon). In order to impress his high school crush, Madison (Katherine C Hughes), Greg agrees to make a film for Rachel with his partner in creative crime, Earl (RJ Cyler). They have been producing charming homages for years including A Sockwork Orange, Senior Citizen Kane and Anatomy Of A Burger. The pressure to deliver a masterpiece weighs heavily on Greg, creating friction with Rachel, who doesn't want to be surrounded by negativity. "You can go back to your life of being invisible, detached and self-hating," she sobs.

Me And Earl And The Dying Girl is a beautifully judged rites of passage drama, that eschews mawkishness and emotional manipulation in favour of a richly detailed portrait of adolescent dreams in crisis. Gomez-Rejon's whimsical visual flourishes are a constant delight, perfectly reflecting Greg's love of classic cinema and his penchant for homemade props. The film is punctuated by numerous moments of unexpected humour, like when Greg says something thoughtless and insensitive to Rachel, and stares at a poster on her wall of a Hollywood hunk dressed as an iconic comic book superhero. "I'm damned if I'm letting a punk like you waltz in here and stupid the place up," growls the character disapprovingly. Mann doesn't strike a false note in the tricky lead role, gelling naturally with Cyler and Cooke. "This isn't a sappy love story," Greg emphasises, in case we had forgotten. No it's something far more precious, fragile, haunting and life-affirming than that.

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Stage Seasoned comic Hal's in town

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One of the top comedians working in the UK today, he is also a highly accomplished writer and actor, having trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama after studying a degree in politics at York. His TV and film credits include Shackleton, The Madness of King George and EastEnders, while his theatre credits include Making News at The Pleasance and Orwell A Celebration at Assembly, Edinburgh and Trafalgar Studios London. As well as due to appear on the new BBC 1 series The John Bishop Show he has two shows in development - one with Tiger Aspect and a second with ITV - and has just recorded a pilot with Sue Perkins called Insert Name Here



that also featured Richard Osmond and Rachel Riley. Over the last year he has had two Radio 4 series, made his second appearance on The Royal Variety Performance, hosted Live at the Apollo and was the guest comic in the final of The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. This is all on top of appearing on Would I Lie To You?, Have I Got News For You, Sunday Night at the Palladium, Mock The Week, Pointless Celebrities and Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled. ■ For more information and tickets to see The Bodyguard at the Cliffs Pavilion or to see Hal Cruttenden at the Palace Theatre call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk.

Liz At Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



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In the 1970s, when the area of the park was part of a farm, bullocks and sheep would have grazed much of the site.

While the layout of the fields remains, it came under threat as the site was almost lost to development several times.

Plans for housing and commercial units, and even a link road across the fields, threatened the site in the 1970s and 1980s.

While another development company purchased the site it

remained unchanged and Brentwood Borough Council acquired it in 1997.

Over the years the council's countryside management service has planted hedgerows, reintroduced grazing cattle, improved access and maintained ditch systems, and continues to support it with a team of volunteers who help to maintain parks and open spaces throughout the borough.

Ancient, semi-natural woodland can be found to the east of the park, which is home to mainly oak and hornbeam.

Between April and May the woodland, which is split into two sectors – the council-owned Collins Shaw wood and an privately owned area – is covered with a stunning display of bluebells.

A single path runs through the woodland, while other paths run throughout the site including a public right of way that runs from Wash Road to Goodwood Avenue.

Much of the nature reserve is covered with semi-natural grassland that is cut and grazed to sus-



UNspoilt: Hutton Country Park

tain the diverse range of plants and grasses, such as creeping thistle, meadow buttercup, white clover, lesser stitchwort, ox-eye daisy, meadow foxtail and tufted hair-grass.

Birds found at the site include kingfishers, moorhens, barn owls, green woodpeckers, goldfinch and long-tailed tits, while insects include grasshoppers, bush crickets, emperor dragonflies and large

red damselflies, as well as purple hairstreak and orange tip butterflies. The four ponds at the site are valuable for conservation reasons and often support rare species, and the wetland pond has developed its own specialist ecosystem.

A boardwalk to the east of the pond allows access over the wetland and you can regularly see kingfishers on the banks of the River Wid.

There are no facilities at the park but there are surfaced paths near the Wash Road entrance, suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs, and benches at regular intervals.

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- Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.

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- Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing - in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to the local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, September 8

- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, Bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players - James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan 07952 043456.
- Social Dance - 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance - St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Anne 01702 556470.

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■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: 12-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled,

Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, September 9

■ Mayflower Wine and Social Club – Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, 8pm, for a wine tasting. New members welcome, £2. Details 01277 652001.

■ South East Essex Ramblers Group – Hatfield Peverel to Little Baddow, 9.5 miles, meet 9.15am, car share from Rawreth Lane Recreation Ground, Rayleigh, Ron 07903 291284.

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – 8pm The Chichester, Rawreth SS11 8UE. Tel: 07850 607075.

■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.

■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.

■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.

■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way,

Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2. 01268 465854.

■ Barn Dance – Grand Cellidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.

■ Playing Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390.

■ Social ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Thursday, September 10

■ Alzheimer's Society activity group – To

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■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details DI 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc. 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01268 770112.

■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoeburyness, 8-10pm, 01702 476087.

■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.

■ Billericay Baby Cafe – Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for breastfeeding mums, 12.30pm.

■ Learn to paint in Water Colours in Hadleigh with tutor Trevor Shaw. Details 01702 558282.

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An a la carte menu is served in the restaurant on Saturday evenings which also has extensive choice including venison pate, Scottish smoked salmon, garlic mushrooms, and rosemary and garlic brie for starters, and succulent roast, pork tenderloin, lamb shank, chicken Portobello – succulent chicken breast smothered with Madeira and mushroom sauce – as well as grill



and fish dishes for mains. All of this is complemented by a wide range of side orders and desserts including sweets from the trolley.

More choice is available on Sunday as staff serve a snack menu in the bar area and a comprehensive blackboard which always includes a choice of four roasts, the famous homemade pie of the day and fresh fish, and other dishes.


Its Sunday Lunch Menu costs £8.95 for a main meal, £10.75 for two courses and £12.25 for three courses. There is also a comprehensive Bar Menu offering a range of favourites from prawn cocktail, potato wedges and rack of ribs, to burger meals, scampi and ploughman's.

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Another new addition at Tandoori Parlour is a Tuesday and Wednesday Night Special when diners can enjoy their own banquet for just £24.95 per couple. The value-for-money deal includes plain or masala poppadoms with any homemade chutney and pickles for appetiser, followed by tandoori chicken, lamb tikka or vegetarian samosa for starter.

It is then on to a choice of any chicken, lamb or vegetarian curry dish for the main course, with saffron rice, Bombay potato and tandoori naan on the side. This is all complimented with a bottle of house wine and dessert.

Every year Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, Thundersley, is the perfect setting for festive celebrations and staff are taking bookings for Christmas.

With disco and karaoke nights throughout the festive period it is the ideal venue for some festive fun with family, friends or work colleagues.

With evenings starting from £11.95 per person, "doubles for singles" drinks deals, DJ entertainment, party novelties and a choice of Indian or English cuisine, menu or buffet, Tandoori Parlour is the place to be this Christmas, so make your booking now to avoid disappointment.

Throughout the year Tandoori Parlour offers you the chance to enjoy a celebration with family or friends, thanks to the best in Indian and Nepalese cuisine, DJ entertainment and your table for the whole evening.

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Enjoy an "eat as much as you like" deal from the a la carte menu, from Sunday to Thursday, all freshly cooked and served to your table for just £12.95 per person, and a Sunday lunchtime buffet of 52 dishes and a platter of starters served to your table for just £7.95 per person, with children aged 10 and under eating for free.

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This luxuriously appointed detached executive family home is situated in a sought after cul de sac location in the heart of Thundersley. The immaculate accommodation includes a superbly fitted kitchen/diner, beautiful Lounge with french doors to the garden which in turn is open plan to the Dining Room again with french doors to the garden. There is a useful ground floor cloakroom. Upstairs are 5 beautifully presented bedrooms the master with an luxury en suite shower room and the family bathroom with free standing bath. The rear garden has been landscaped in a contemporary style. Here is a house that must be viewed!!

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4 bedroom detached house backing farmland with amazing views towards the Estuary, £500,000 oleo

Four bedroom detached house with 60' ROAD FRONTAGE, garage, in and out driveway, walking distance of local shops and Hadleigh country park, spacious lounge, separate dining room, cloaks w.c., large kitchen. This unique property in its wonderful location offers lots of potential and early viewing is strongly advised. Offers are invited in excess of £500,000 for this unique opportunity. Ref etl5318



Luxury two double bedroom Retirement apartment £179,995

2005 built extremely spacious two double bedroom top quality retirement apartment situated in this most impressive and elegant complex, Montague Court. Local shops, the station and the beach are all within walking distance. 23' x 11'4' superb size lounge diner wit private balcony, luxury fitted kitchen, luxury shower room, elegant communal lounge, lovely gardens, residents car park - KEYS HELD FOR VIEWING. Ref etl5355

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4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE WITH LARGE GARDEN, THUNDERSLEY £399,995

IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING Impressive detached four bedroom family house with large irregular shape rear garden approx 60' at widest point x 60' at deepest point, garage, 27' lounge/ diner, superb 22'6 x 11'3 conservatory, 18' x 12' fitted kitchen, cloaks/w.c., bathroom/w.c., sought after cul- de-sac location.



3 bedroom family home, £249,995

Three bedroom semi-detached chalet style family house situated in a popular location approximately 1 mile from ROCHFORD STATION. The property benefits from own driveway to large detached garage, gas central heating, double glazing and an attractive West facing rear garden. Early viewing advised. 11' x 18'10 detached garage, West facing garden. Ref etl5344

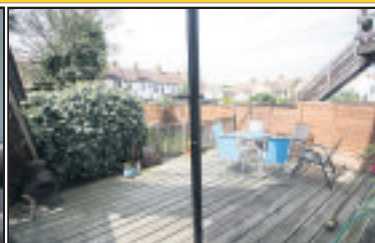
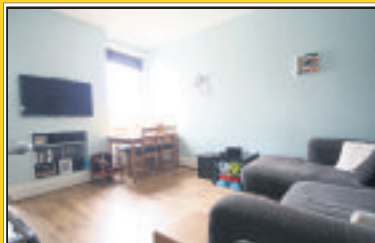
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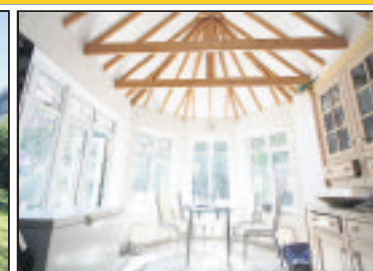
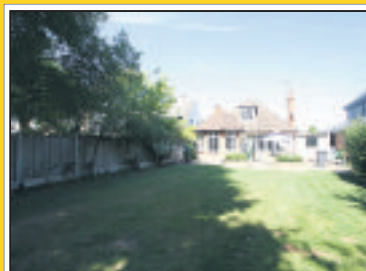
Somerset Estate, Westcliff £349,995

Internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate this exceptional semi detached house situated on the eagerly sought after Somerset Estate within easy access of the a127, Southend airport, shops and schools at Earls hall, St. Thomas More, Westcliff and Southend High Schools & Southend hospital. Lovely south facing rear garden, three bedrooms, luxury kitchen and bathroom, Large lounge, separate dining room. Garage.



Freehold two double bedroom flat with west facing garden £169,995

Two double bedroom flat in popular location of Westcliff, with 45' west facing rear garden, further large full width decking patio, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom /w.c., large reception hall/study, gas central heating, double glazing, SHARED FREEHOLD. Early viewing advised. Ref etl 5363



SUPERB DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW WITH PLANS PASSED FOR STUNNING NEW DETACHED HOUSE, Leigh-on-sea £599,995

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Marine Estate Bungalow, Leigh £p.o.a.

KEYS AVAILABLE TO VIEW THIS Immaculate and extremely spacious character bungalow with lovely 70' west facing rear garden, parking for two cars, Spacious lounge, conservatory, 18' extensively fitted kitchen, two bedrooms PLUS, gas c/h, large useful attic space WITH LARGE FURTHER BEDROOM AND EN SUITE. GREAT LOCATION ON THE MARINE ESTATE WALKING DISTANCE OF SHOPS AND LEIGH STATION - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING.

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- * Enjoys uninterrupted views of country park
- * Modern kitchen/diner with utility

- * Ground floor cloakroom & separate family bathroom
- * South facing rear garden
- * Sun balcony and en-suite off master bedroom
- * Quick sale possible
- * EPC Band E



NEW ON
MARKET



SOLE AGENTS

HADLEIGH £349,000

- * Sought after turning close to nature reserve and Hadleigh town centre
- * Enormous potential for further expansion and improvements
- * Three bedroom detached house

- * 80ft south facing rear garden
- * Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom
- * Upgraded bathroom & en-suite to bedroom one
- * Two reception rooms
- * Garage & Parking



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SOLE AGENTS

HADLEIGH £365,000

- * Immaculate & deceiving three bedroom detached bungalow
- * Sought after tree lined turning
- * Spacious accommodation throughout

- * Three reception rooms
- * Conservatory & upgraded kitchen
- * Ground floor bathroom & en-suite to bedroom three
- * Un-overlooked rear garden



NEW ON
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SOLE AGENTS

DAWS HEATH £350,000 (per plot)

- * Pair of building plots with planning permission
- * Sought after Daws Heath location
- * Substantial proposed executive new homes

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Land R/O Maybank Farm, Toot Hill, Essex
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£5,000



Plots 2,3,4,5 & 6 Bradwell Wick Estate, Bradwell on Sea, Essex CM0 7HY
Five parcels of greenbelt land situated south of the Maldon Road, close to Bradwell on Sea

***Guide**

£120,000



Turner Close, Basildon, Essex
A FREEHOLD terraced three bedroom house ideal for investment or owner occupation. Currently let producing £650pcm on an expired AST

***Guide**

£275,000 - £300,000



Land & Buildings R/O 61-69 Princes Street, Southend-on-Sea, Essex
Freehold Residential Redevelopment opportunity. With Outline Planning for conversion into 5 apartments

***Guide**

£250,000 - £300,000



Chadwell St Mary, Riverview Methodist Church, Grays, Essex
Redevelopment opportunity with outline planning for 8 flats subject to land available from 3rd party

***Guide**

£125,000 plus



Methersgate, Basildon, Essex
FREEHOLD terraced 2 storey house situated within the Fryems area of Basildon. Currently let on an AST producing £8,400 pa.

***Guide**

£70,000 plus



Electric Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex
A one bedroom ground floor flat with Off Street Parking and Gas Central Heating. Leasehold on a 99 year lease from 01/01/1986

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Ness Road, Shoeburyness, Essex
A high yielding Freehold residential investment comprising a block of 4 one bedroom flats and a studio flat. Current Rent Reserved £29,340 pa

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£1,000



Plot 15 Bradwell Wick Estate, Bradwell on Sea, Essex CM0 7HY
One parcel of greenbelt land situated south of the Maldon Road, close to Bradwell on Sea

***Guide**

£325,000 plus



Bradleigh Avenue, Grays, Essex
A FREEHOLD VACANT 5 bedroom Semi-Detached family house in this desirable location. First time to market in need of refurbishment.

***Guide**

£140,000



64 Woolmer Green, Basildon, Essex
A terraced two storey house currently let on an AST and producing £9,000 pa. Situated close to Basildon Town Centre.

***Guide**

£450,000 - £500,000



London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
An exceptional FREEHOLD residential development opportunity. Comprising of a corner plot in a prominent location.

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£220,000



Steeplefield, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
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Bridge Street, Coggeshall, Essex
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£190,000



Richmond Avenue, Shoeburyness, Essex
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Ducketts Mead
375,000
Ref : 6518

This spacious four bedroom family home in Canewdon is one we strongly recommend viewing. Situated in a quite area in Canewdon, this detached property offers serenity with the added benefit of a spacious south facing garden.



Folly Lane
780,000
Ref : 6346

A stunning six bedroom detached family home offering spacious accommodation over three floors. Also boasting four reception rooms and a fitted kitchen/ breakfast room great for entertaining. A generous mature garden compliments this impressive house including a double garage and ample parking.



Oakfield
785,000
Ref : 6451

A superb chalet bungalow built approximately eight and a half years ago by a local builder to a very high specification. Occupying a half an acre plot within an idyllic setting, boasting three bedrooms with three bathrooms and a great open plan lounge/diner for entertaining.



Pudsey Hall Lane
450,000
Ref : 6506

We have pleasure in offering this stunning three bedroom detached bungalow surrounded by open countryside. Occupying landscaped grounds of third of an acre hidden away on a private road. Hockley and Rochford are within easy access for mainline rail services.



Anne Boleyn Drive
300,000
Ref : 6489

An extended, three bedroom detached bungalow with the advantage of two reception rooms, detached garage and ample parking. Very accessible for both Rochford and Southend. Immediate vacant possession.



Hilary Close
315,000
Ref : 6511

A generous extended three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location within easy access of Golden Cross shopping centre. Rochford town centre is nearby offering mainline station and London Southend airport.



Mount Avenue
450,000
Ref : 6339

Situated within walking distance to Hockley Mainline Railway Station, is this beautifully appointed three to four bedroom, semi detached chalet, offering extensively extended accommodation internally and decorated to a high standard.



James Alexander House
90,000
Ref : 6539

A recently refurbished one double bedroom ground floor retirement flat. Situated within a small block of six apartments close to the river Crouch and local shops. Rayleigh & Southend very accessible via regular bus services. Tyndale House close by is the communal hub comprising residents lounge.



Marianne
£500,000
Ref 8821

An amazingly unique river fronted property with its own private jetty and mooring rights, benefitting from four spacious bedrooms and modern living accommodation. The property is just a short stroll from the local nature reserve and the popular Anchor Gastro Pub and restaurant.



Whitehouse Road
£650,000
Ref 9046

Everything you've ever dreamed of, awaits for you in this spectacular detached bungalow. On approximately 1/3 of an acre plot, there is so much space for your family to grow and entertain.



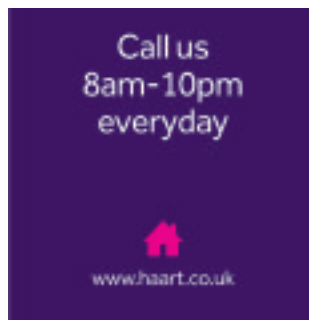
Denham Vale
£280,000
Ref 8913

This three bedroom semi detached house is ideally located for any young family looking to buy their forever home. With three double bedrooms, a spacious lounge and great size garden, there is something for everyone. Located within a quiet cul de sac and in the catchment for Sweeney Park School.



Derwent Avenue
£290,000
Ref 9070

This three bedroom semi detached house is the ideal home for any family. Being within Fitzwimarc and Edward Francis school catchments and located within walking distance of Rayleigh High Street this has everything that any young family could need.



Rayleigh Road
£210,000
Ref 8905

Guide Price £210,000 - £220,000 - This extremely spacious ground floor maisonette is the ideal opportunity for anyone looking for life on one level with the added bonus of a rear garden. With two double bedrooms, a big lounge and a kitchen to cater for a family this property has the space to accommodate all.



Leonard Drive
£360,000
Ref 9035

The current owner has improved and extended this larger than average detached bungalow situated in a sought after part of Rayleigh. Offering two receptions, kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, shower room, bathroom and off street parking.



Burrows Way
£495,000
Ref 9025

With four good size bedrooms and a spacious lounge to accommodate a growing and active family this home is perfect. Being within the Fitzwimarc school catchment area it is a prime location. The beautifully modern kitchen and bathrooms mean that you and your family can relax and enjoy your new home.



Meadow Lodge
£775,000
Ref 8775

The location, the open space and idyllic setting was the main selling point for me, the space inside and outside of Meadow Lodge was better than anything I had seen. It's still so close to the shops and Rayleigh is literally a short drive away.



Westcliff Park Drive
£240,000
Ref 3300

This is a real family home with three good size bedrooms, two lovely reception rooms for those lovely Sunday afternoon dinners around the dining table and a lovely rear garden. Offered with no onward chain. So if you're looking for that first time family home that you can really make your own, call the office today.



Kenway
£250,000 - £260,000
Ref 3239

Just a few minutes walk from the station is this beautifully presented three bedroom house. The property has two spacious reception rooms as well as a generous garden and off street parking.



Honiton Road
O.I.E.O £150,000
Ref 3329

In need of renovation this two bedroom ground floor flat with garden and parking. Close to Southend Seaford and the town centre this will be a fantastic find for any buyer. Open house Saturday 5th September between 11am-12pm.



5c Station Road
O.I.E.O £140,000
Ref 3274

This two bedroom first floor flat has no chain and is situated close to the seaford and station. Benefits include share of freehold and off street parking. Ideal for commuters, book your viewing soon.



Flat 611 Holland Road
£95,000-£105,000
Ref 2972

Enjoy the wonderful Estuary views from the balcony of this one bedroom retirement flat. The flat is offered with no onward chain and has great communal facilities Call now to view.



Electric Avenue
£145,000
Ref 3298

This spacious, first and second floor apartment is in excellent decorative order and benefits from two double bedrooms, a modern fitted kitchen and bright and airy lounge to enjoy. Situated in a popular location with shops and good transport links close by.



Flat 4 Whitefriars Crescent
£280,000
Ref 2564

Set in one of our favourite character buildings in Westcliff is this beautifully presented first floor flat. This spacious property is well presented throughout and is offered with no onward chain.



Northview Drive
£135,000 - £145,000
Ref 2989

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£90,000
REF: 6989
London Road
OEO £90,000. With this ground floor property, you will find simple and maintainable decor and communal gardens. It has been let for a number of years so a good income is highly likely. Offered with no chain and benefitting from allocated an parking space. Perfect investment so call now to view!



£140,000
REF: 7719
Forest Glade Court
GUIDE PRICE £140,000 - £150,000 Take a step inside this fantastic one bedroom first floor apartment in the popular 'Forest Glade Court'. Immaculate throughout and set in a private block with communal gardens this is the ideal first time buy or great as an investment.



£285,000
REF: 7785
Eversley Road
Guide Price £285,000 - £300,000. Step inside this spacious three double bedroom family home. With generous sized rooms throughout this home benefits from having two reception rooms, spacious kitchen, utility/study room, downstairs cloakroom, ample parking and a family garden.



£440,000
REF: 7743
Poplar Road
Guide Price £440,000 - £460,000. With five double bedrooms this is a house that truly boasts space for all the family. You can enjoy cooking in the great family kitchen/breakfast room, entertaining in the dining room/games room, relaxing in the spacious lounge and even take a dip in the heated indoor swimming pool.



£350,000
REF: 7512
Ashingdale Close
Guide Price £350,000 - £375,000. You won't be disappointed when you enter the doorway of this four bedroom, detached bungalow. Decorated to a high standard internally and benefitting from having three good size bedrooms, a master bedroom with luxury en-suite.



£235,000
REF: 7713
Kiln Road
GUIDE PRICE £235,000 - £245,000. Take a step inside this beautifully presented two double bedroom chalet style house that is ready to move straight into. With a spacious lounge/diner, garage, generous parking and modern decor throughout this is one you will not want to miss.



£550,000
REF: 7663
Thundersley Park Road
OEO £550,000. Offering a wealth of charm and character the property benefits from having to the ground floor, cloakroom, utility room, kitchen with step leading to breakfast room, dining room leading to 24' reception room and study. Four good size bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and family bathroom.



£400,000
REF: 7754
Stanley Road
Guide Price £400,000 - £425,000. If space is what you are looking for, then this three bedroom detached bungalow is the one for you! This stunning home features open plan style living space, leading to a beautifully landscaped garden which catches the sun all day!



£290,000
Ref: 6837
Norman Place
haart are pleased to offer for sale this delightful Grade II listed Fisherman's Cottage located in a highly sought after location within minutes of Leigh Broadway & station. Offering views towards the Estuary, properties of this calibre rarely become available & viewing is advised today.



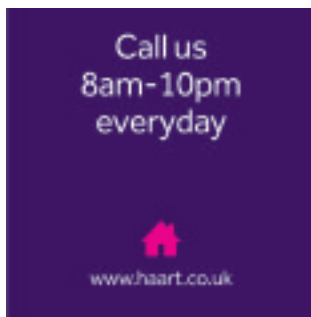
£139,950
Ref: 6864
Manchester Drive
Located in a quiet residential area is this one bedroom, first floor flat which needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated. Spacious throughout, it's great for someone looking to bring their individual stamp to a property.



£425,000
Ref: 6848
Dundonald Drive
If you're looking for a home in a great location to put your own stamp on then this is it. With an abundance of space throughout this detached four bedroom house set in a very popular area of Leigh could be just what you're looking for.



£450,000
Ref: 6817
St Clements Drive
Sit back, relax and enjoy all that this true family home has to offer. The vendors have loved this incredible home for over a decade watching their children play in the spacious garden and grow up in a loving home in which they have spared no expense.



£330,000
Ref: 6705
Grand Parade
You will need to see for yourself this lower ground floor apartment on Grand Parade overlooking the Estuary. Superbly presented throughout this incredible home is just a stroll to Chalkwell Station.



£300,000
Ref: 6851
Adalia Crescent
Situated in the highly sought after Highlands Estate, is this two bedroom semi detached bungalow offering ample accommodation. Externally you will find a south facing rear garden and ample parking to the front. A viewing is advised at your earliest convenience.



£425,000
Ref: 6838
Western Road
Located in the ever popular Marine Estate is this charming and honest '1920's style House. Sold with no onward chain this is a must view.



£520,000
Ref: 6835
Woodfield Road
You must see for yourself this exceptional four bedroom semi detached home in a prime location in Leigh On Sea. Located south of London road this stunning home is just a short stroll to the Broadway, Chalkwell station and Chalkwell Park.



£675,000
Ref: 0003
Blew House Cottage
This wonderful, charming and beautifully presented 14th century, Grade II listed cottage, has been renovated to a high standard whilst still retaining all of its character and many of its original features. Benefits include grand open fireplaces and log burners.



£150,000
Ref: 9995
Hamstel Road
Fantastic opportunity to acquire this purpose built, two double bedroom flat, offering ample living space and boasting its own private rear garden. This property is sold with no onward chain and is a perfect buy for investors and first time buyers alike.



£25,000
Ref: 0395
Beach Hut 423
Stunning and spacious, refurbished beach hut offered to the market in immaculate condition with fitted kitchenette, a unique storage area to rear and an attractive stable door. Situated in a desirable position on the esplanade with stunning sea views and close to amenities and car parking.



£550,000
Ref: 9841
St Gilgen
A wonderful peaceful location, nestled down Rebels Lane is this detached residence with uninterrupted field views to the front and an overlooked wall maintained rear garden, occupying a quiet semi rural location close to Thorpe Bay Mainline Station and Broadway Shopping Centre are within close proximity.



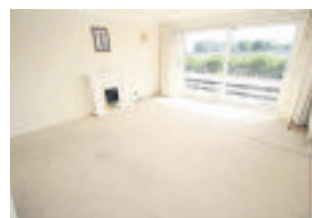
£279,950
Ref: 0012
Little Waking Road
Lovely three bedroom bungalow offered in great condition. Having been extended and modernised throughout, this property offers fantastic living space including its contemporary kitchen/diner and luxury bathroom. Offered with no onward chain.



£1,250,000
Ref: 9832
Lodwick
Situated in one of the most sought after locations, is this spacious family home, backing directly on to the seaford and offering panoramic estuary views. The property has been beautifully maintained with plenty of reception areas, a generous fitted kitchen.



£210,000
Ref: 0362
Milbanke Close
Immaculate two bedroom end of terrace home situated in a desirable, quiet cul de sac location and still close to local amenities and transport links. Offering attractive private front and rear gardens and ample off street parking. Offering attractive private front and rear gardens and ample off street parking.



£180,000
Ref: 9947
Blackgate Road
Fantastic opportunity to acquire this spacious first floor two double bedroom apartment offering estuary views from its own private balcony. Offered to the market with no onward chain this is a perfect first time buy or buy to let investment.



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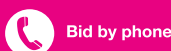
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Motoring

Ford B-Max baby MPV comes of age

By Chris Russon

FORD has transformed its B-MAX baby MPV with the introduction of a new diesel engine that is lean and mean.

It takes the diesel B-MAX into the tax-free zone for the first time and gives the practical five-seater a theoretical range close to 700 miles on a single tank.

As such the 95ps 1.5-litre B-MAX TDCI becomes the most economical model in the line-up with an official fuel return of 74.3mpg. The new engine is available in Zetec, Titanium and Titanium X trims with prices ranging from £16,925 to £19,325.

It is an uprated version of the 1.5-litre diesel Ford has used in the B-MAX since its launch three years ago but the extra 20ps makes all the difference.

Mid-range power is plentiful from anywhere in the five-speed box and delivers a 0 to 60 acceleration time of 13.0 seconds topping out at 108mph.

That makes it the quickest diesel B-MAX – outperforming even the 1.6-litre engines which come with more power.

Not only is the new 1.5 great to



GREAT ALL-ROUNDER: Ford B-MAX 1.5 TDCI 95ps Titanium 2015

drive but it is also very economical and averaged close on 60 to the gallon in everyday conditions.

Noise levels on the road are acceptably low and the ride is without fault, as is the case with any small Ford.

Compared to alternatives from Fiat and Mini the Ford fares well and is competitively priced.

Ford has also fitted the new engine in the Focus and another version – boosted to 120ps – is coming on stream in the latest C-

MAX models. In the smaller B-MAX frame the 1.5 diesel drops CO2 emissions to 98g/km making it the most fuel efficient version available, exempt from road tax and with a 17 per cent banding for business drivers.

With its sliding side doors – just like Ford fits to the seven-seat Grand C-MAX – the B-MAX remains very user-friendly and a fold-flat front passenger seat makes for excellent load carrying with boot space ranging from 318 to 1,386 litres – quite astonishing for a car which measures only 13ft 4ins in length.

The Titanium model we tried costs from £18,125 and comes with air conditioning and cruise control as standard as well as electric windows all round.

Factor in some extras including sat nav at £400 and a rear view camera for £600 and the final cost came to £19,825.

The cabin is well thought out with plenty of onboard storage space and the overall design makes for a good amount of passenger space.

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BLUES WAITING FOR FIRST WIN

Southend United

Coventry City 2
Southend United 2
By Rowland Lyons
at the Ricoh Arena

SOUTHEND went mighty close to picking up their first win of the new season in an entertaining clash in front of the live TV cameras.

First-half Noel Hunt and David Mooney strikes put the Blues in the driving seat after Reda Johnson had put the Sky Blues ahead.

But despite Daniel Bentley saving Adam Armstrong's second-half penalty, Southend had to settle for a point when Sam Ricketts squared the contest.

Boss Phil Brown made two changes from the recent Swindon home reverse and Mooney earned a recall, with Brighton loanee Glen Rea making his debut at centre-half.

In arguably their best display of the new season, Brown's men took the game to their hosts and before Johnson's opener the Blues should have been out of sight with Mooney, Hunt and Will Atkinson failing to capitalise from decent goalscoring positions.

The Sky Blues then took a 33rd minute lead when Johnson fired home after the visitors failed to clear their lines from a disputed Jacob Murphy flag-kick, that appeared not to have been deflected behind by a Southend player.

But in a difficult start to the season, the Shrimpers' fighting spirit has never been in question and within two minutes Hunt levelled with a fine close range header from a Ben Coker cross.

The Blues were now in the ascen-

dancy and on 40 minutes David Worrall drew a clumsy foul from Aaron Phillips and Mooney duly converted from the spot – despite Lee Burge's best efforts deflecting the driven penalty kick high into his own net.

Buoyed by his first goal for the club, Mooney went agonisingly close to grabbing a second, before skipper John White nearly got in on the act, only to see his effort foiled.

As expected, Southend had to withstand heavy Sky Blues' pressure straight after the break and the home side should have levelled within seven minutes when Ryan Leonard felled skipper Sam Ricketts close on goal.

But Bentley underlined why he has attracted interest from Championship level in this transfer window and guessed right to make a superb one-handed stop from Adam Armstrong's penalty kick.

Having piled on the pressure after Armstrong's penalty miss, Coventry finally levelled on 72 minutes when Ricketts rose highest and glanced home Murphy's corner kick.

Not satisfied with Ricketts' leveller, Southend's goal continued to be under siege and Murphy almost got in the act with a 79th minute drive that Bentley did well to tip over, before former Orient favourite Romain Vincelot was inches wide with an angled drive.

Coventry were then comfortably kept at bay until the fifth minute of stoppage time when Bentley capped a fine display with another superb stop to deny Armstrong an undeserved winner.

Brown reflected: "We were hanging on in the second-half – some-

thing we shouldn't have been doing with all the first-half chances we had created. How Mooney and White have missed those chances I don't know.

"But we put bodies on the line in both halves and when needed we have one of the best keepers in the division. But it was disappointing to concede goals to two centre-halves.

"If anyone thinks Dan Bentley doesn't want to play for this football club, then look at his performance today. The point meant a lot to him.

"I don't really care who gets the goals, but it's nice to see two of the main men who were brought in get goals and it's also nice to get something from the game. Coventry are a good side, but we deserved the point due to the endeavour, the desire and the work rate to get something from the game.

"The more goals David Mooney gets for me, the better. But, we came to Ricoh tonight and got 10 shots on target and their keeper had to make saves – honours shared and it's a big point for us.

"We showed a lot of character and when the back line was breached, we had a top class goalkeeper. And, coming to the Ricoh you have to put the big crowd and stadium on the back burner and play football – as we did tonight. The fans a lot also deserve a medal coming here on a Bank Holiday and in this weather."

Mooney added: "It was good to get some goals this evening as we needed them. Unfortunately, we couldn't keep Coventry out, but it's a good point, as they're a good team. We had a good few chances in the first-half, although we did expect Coventry to come at us after

the break. But roll on Saturday against Peterborough with a big crowd at Roots Hall and live on Sky Sports.

"It was good for both Noel and myself to get off the mark tonight and we had some good link-up play, especially in the first-half. We had possibly more chances than we had in the previous games, which is pleasing. But we can only improve on that performance and showed how good we can be. We just need that first win."

The former Orient goal machine revealed: "It has taken a bit of time to get used to playing and training at Southend. But, it has been the perfect move with me not having to move the family. In some ways, it reminds me a lot of Leyton Orient, especially as it was two or three years ago, as they are a great bunch of lads here. I'm obviously pleased with my first goal and I always seem to do well against Peterborough, so hopefully I can do well this Saturday.

"Apart from the Walsall game, we have acquitted ourselves well. But there is a lot to build on. Walsall are top of the League and Swindon were in the play-offs last year and our away form – we've had three draws – is good. But we have to build on that this Saturday."

Coventry City: Lee Burge, Aaron Phillips, Sam Ricketts (captain), Reda Johnson, Chris Stokes, Romain Vincelot, John Fleck, Jacob Murphy, Ruben lameiras (Marcus Tudgay 46), Jim O'Brien, Adam Armstrong.
Southend United: Dan Bentley, John White, Adam Barrett, Glen Rea, Ben Coker, David Worrall (Stephen McLaughlin 76), Michael Timlin, Ryan Leonard, Will Atkinson (Anthony Wordsworth 80), David Mooney (Myles Weston 64), Noel Hunt.

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Non-league round-up

Bowers & Pitsea march on

By Brian Jeeves

BOWERS & Pitsea continued their impressive Essex Senior League start after overcoming Newham by three goals to nil at the Len Salmon Stadium.

Ashley Wackers-Kyriacou, Tom Hine and Scott Pethers were on target as Bowers moved three points clear of Wadham Lodge at the top of the table.

But Wadham Lodge kept up the pressure by seeing off Greenhouse Sports. Andrea Mantovani and William Pike finding the net, while Waltham Forest went down 5-1 at Sawbridgeworth Town.

Many of the region's other ESL clubs were in FA Cup action. Basildon United continue on the Wembley trail after Craig Gillam scored the only goal against Long Melford, while Hullbridge Sports caused an upset by dumping Ryman Leaguers Maldon & Tiptree out 2-0 at Lower Road.

Barking will have to try again after playing out a tense goalless draw with Haringey Borough, but it was the end of the road for Southend Manor who were thrashed 5-1 at Harlow Town. Elsewhere in the FA Cup, Aveley FC won 6-2 at FC Clacton and AFC Hornchurch were among the goals, winning 5-1 at St Margaretsbury. George Purcell, David Knight (2) Leon Smith and Tobi Joseph all found the net for the Urchins.

Thurrock were held 2-2 by Royston at Ship Lane, but the Wembley dream is over for Redbridge, who lost 2-1 to Heybridge Swifts, and Great Wakering Rovers, who were stunned 2-0 by Brantham Athletic at Burroughs Park.

In the National League, Braintree Town picked up three points at Welling United. Michael Cheek and Dan Sparkes ensured the Iron a 2-1 success after Obafemi had given the hosts an early lead.

In the National South Chelmsford City won an entertaining encounter with St Albans City at the Melbourne Stadium.

Billy Bricknell scored either side of the interval as the Clarets finished victors by the odd goal in three. But it wasn't such a good day for Concord Rangers, who went down 3-2 at Bishop's Stortford. Joe Gardiner and Steve King were both on target for the Beach Boys.

In the Ryman Premier League Brentwood Town were the region's shining light after hammering Leatherhead 4-1 at the Arena.

Liam Hope, Martyn Stokes and a brace from former Colchester United man Jamie Guy earned the hosts maximum points.

Martin Tuohy's early pair helped Canvey Island to a 2-0 success over Enfield Town at Park Lane, while Grays Athletic shared the spoils with a 1-1 draw at Dulwich Hamlet in front of a mammoth 999 crowd.

East Thurrock United and Kingstonian played out a pulsating 2-2 draw at Rookery Hill, but Billericay Town slipped to a 3-1 defeat at Bognor Regis Town.

In selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League, Harold Wood Athletic saw off White Ensign in the Premier Division, Lee Delf and Ryan Lancaster were both on target for the Southend outfit.

In Senior Division One, Jack Main grabbed the only goal as Basildon Town edged out Galleywood. Meanwhile, in a big local derby at Warners Bridge, Max Corrigan, Nathan Dewbury and Justin Hazell helped Leigh Ramblers to a 3-1 away day success at Old Southendian. Ben Manley replied for the hosts.

Gulls on a flyer as they dominate nine-man Billericay

Football

Canvey Island 3
Billericay Town 0

CANVEY won a feisty Ryman Premier League match against Essex neighbours Billericay Town at the New Lodge on Monday.

The Gulls continued their run of good form with goals from Ozzy Adeniji and Jay Curran against a Billericay side that finished the game with nine men.

Supporters had concerns that the bank holiday rain could have seen a cancellation, but the home side's newly updated drainage system worked wonders.

The derby started off in controversial style on three minutes when Billericay were reduced to 10 men after Callum Dunne threw the ball at Tambeson Eyong.

Both sides had chances in the first 10 minutes with Canvey's Glenn Poole blasting a left-foot shot just wide before Billericay's Tom Derry hit the post from outside the box.

The Gulls took the lead on 14 minutes when Harrison Chatting linked up with Ashley Dumas who crossed superbly to Adeniji who calmly slotted home.

The Canvey fans were cheering on 19 minutes when a corner from Poole was turned home by Curran.

Canvey manager Danny Heale has clearly got the squad working on corners in training and on 28 minutes ex-Billericay Town defender Richard Halle shot wide following a short corner.

On the stroke of half-time, both teams had chances. Billericay following a left-wing cross while Poole had the ball in the net but the

linesman ruled that Adeniji was off-side in the build up.

Following the break, tempers flared after an incident just before the restart and ill-discipline was the story of Billericay's day after Ola Williams was sent off for elbowing Harrison Chatting on 52 minutes.

With a two-man advantage, Canvey hit the cruise button and passed the ball around with ease, tiring the remaining Billericay players.

On 58 minutes, Adeniji claimed he had been fouled inside the area, but the referee reversed the decision.

Billericay then found some momentum and had a number of chances, including a few free-kicks from outside the area.

Keeper Conor Gough, who moved over from Canvey rivals Concord Rangers, was untroubled throughout most of the game and was dom-

inant in the air. In the remaining minutes Curran scored his second from an Eyong cross.

After the game, striker Jay Curran told *YA Sport*: "Billericay shot themselves in the foot and the silly red cards killed the game for them.

"We played better against 10 men, than we did with the nine and we should have killed the game off earlier. We have a second win and clean sheet in a row and we need to take our good form into Saturday's game.

"There is a great atmosphere in the changing room and it was only a matter of time until our first win. Over the years I've always scored against Billericay and I got the two today.

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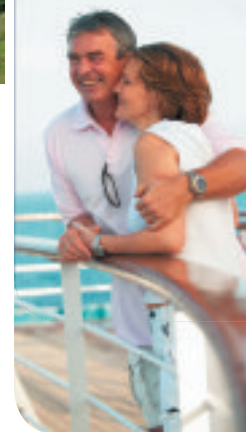
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